

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1168 without my signature.

Assembly Bill 1168 establishes guiding principles for the Department of Health Services to use in the review of drinking water desalination facilities. This bill is redundant and unnecessary.

The Department of Health Services currently evaluates drinking water desalination projects. The Department applies the existing criteria to desalination projects that it applies to other forms of water treatment plants. As with any review of a drinking water source, the Department evaluates the treatment process and microbiological and chemical source contaminants to ensure the water meets drinking water standards and is safe for human consumption.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger